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SUBJ: MILITARY JUNTA SPEAKS TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA

1. HONDURAS' THREE MEMBER JUNTA SPOKE ON AN INTERNATIONAL RADIO AND TV NETWORK AT 8:00 P.M. AUGUST 17 FOR LESS THAN 10 MINUTES GIVING CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA A LOOK AT THEM. SPEECH, READ BY JUNTA PRESIDENT, GENERAL POLICARPO PAZ, SENT GREETINGS TO NEIGHBORS, AND THEN MADE THREE POINTS: GOH RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL TREATIES; CONTINUATION OF MEDIATION PROCESS WITH EL SALVADOR; AND SUPPORT FOR PROCESS NOW UNDERWAY THAT WILL CULMINATE IN 1980 ELECTIONS.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES IT SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO HAVE REQUESTED TIME FOR A CENTRAL AMERICA/PANAMA HOOK-UP. HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO PERHAPS FEELING A NEED TO BECOME BETTER KNOWN, THE MILITARY JUNTA--AND THE ARMED FORCES SUPERIOR COUNCIL IT REPRESENTS--ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED OVER
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RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND WHAT THE GOH SEES AS INCREASING INSTABILITY ALL AROUND IT. THE EFFORT, THEN, IS ONE TO STRENGTHEN CENTRAL AMERICAN/PANAMA TIES. THIS IS SHOWN BY THE ORDER OF POINTS IN THE SPEECH AND THE IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE EL SALVADOR DISPUTE.
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